

K Rechtman guilty of taking bribe

By YITZRAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter AVIV. — MK Shmuel Rechtman, the former mayor of Rehovot, was found guilty yesterday of receiving a bribe from contractor Aharon...

Moshe Nahshon. The lawyer asked that sentencing be postponed to give him time to consult with his client. Rechtman was tight-lipped coming out of court yesterday. He told newsmen that he would decide today whether to resign from the Knesset or not.

still sub judice. He also refused to say whether he would appeal. Judge Steinberg criticized the way Rechtman gave evidence on the witness stand. "The accused made a miserable impression on the stand," he said, "especially in questions connected with the recordings of conversations between him and Gabor. He wriggled and twisted and tried by using ambiguous words to extricate himself."



Shmuel Rechtman gets a supportive hand from his wife yesterday as the former mayor of Rehovot sits in the cafeteria of the courthouse during a break in his trial on charges of accepting a bribe. (Lester Millman)

The judge said that Rechtman did not tell the truth "and this is my private impression, not only from the way he answered questions during the many days that he was here on the witness stand, but also from the content of those answers." The judge also pointed out that the accused brought a new version about the accusations to the courtroom. He said this new version was specially tailored for the accused, but that the tailoring job was too obvious and all the patches were not able to cover the conclusion that there was no truth in it.

What happens if Rechtman doesn't quit?

Post Knesset Reporter AVIV. — If Shmuel Rechtman is sentenced to jail, he can continue to work as a Knesset member — a salary which under the new changes approved by the Knesset now includes a compensation for food and lodging (tshet). He would likewise continue to be entitled to all the other privileges and perquisites of an MK.

A more thorny question is whether Rechtman, if jailed, can demand the right to be released in order to attend Knesset sessions. Since this is the first case of its kind, the official said, the House Committee, in the event that Rechtman does not resign, would undoubtedly decide on this point after consulting legal experts.

Meron told an army radio interviewer that if Rechtman's conviction was upheld on appeal, he, a fellow member in the Liberal Party, would advise him to resign. Meron, a lawyer by profession, was of the opinion that if Rechtman did not resign, he would have the right to be released from jail (under escort) in order to fulfill his duties as an MK.



Premiers Dlamini and Begin shake hands after signing a joint communique promising cooperation between Swaziland and Israel. (Steve Nelson)

Dlamini and Begin promise cooperation

A joint communique signed in Jerusalem yesterday by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Swaziland Minister Maphewe Dlamini said the two countries would hold six meetings to discuss areas of cooperation.

"Various possibilities were considered for furthering mutual cooperation... especially in the fields of technology, science, trade and commerce, aviation, shipping and agriculture," the communique said. Dlamini said earlier his visit "made all our dreams come true."

Dlamini arrived here on October 28 and was due to leave today. Swaziland, Malawi and Lesotho are the only three black African countries to maintain full diplomatic ties with Israel.

Ethiopian Jews murdered, sold into slavery Falashas lash Jewish indifference

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter AVIV. — The Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and Jewish organizations around the world are doing nothing to get the Falashas out of Ethiopia, although hundreds, if not thousands of them are being killed or sold as slaves. A press conference was held yesterday in the presence of the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel. Menachem Begin, chairman of the state, said that young Ethiopian Jews were refused visas by the Israeli embassy in Addis Ababa in another group of 70 young people supposed to come in 1974, but he got here after an Israeli paper publicized (at the instigation of a government ministry, one charged) that they were being killed.

Jews are being killed and enslaved? Isn't that enough reason for the Jewish people and the Israeli government to act? Berhane asked. Speaking of the atrocities against the Falashas, Berhane revealed one case in which a woman's breast was cut off "so she wouldn't nurse a Jewish child. Even Pharaoh didn't inflict such harsh punishments," he said. He also said that Falasha girls have been raped in front of their parents and forced to work for three or four families with no limit on the number of hours they can be kept in service. Jonah Zecharias, a student and one of the association's leaders, explained that there has been inter-tribal warfare in Ethiopia since the current military government seized power. Hatred against the Jews has increased with the chaos, and the military government's attempt at agrarian reform is hurting the Falashas. Zecharias said that the Ethiopian Jews were never allowed to own land and have been serfs for centuries. Now, the landlords don't want the Jews to get any of the land which is to be parcelled out. The result is murder and slavery. "Jews who used to get half the produce are now getting only food and are being forced to work as slaves," Zecharias claimed. The result is that 2,000 Jewish refugees fled their homes at night for safer areas of the country. Zecharias said the Joint Distribution Committee had promised to aid

these refugees but that, although the promise was made in August after a list of refugees was provided, nothing has been done. Today there are 28,000 Falashas in Ethiopia and 900 in Israel. The association fears there won't be any Jews left in Ethiopia a few years from now if they are not saved immediately. At one time, the Jewishness of the Falashas was questioned, but they are now recognized as Jews by the rabbinate in Israel. In response to the association's claims, a Jewish Agency spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the government and the rabbinate did not recognize the Falashas as Jews until 1975 and thus they could not be helped to immigrate until that year. Meanwhile, the military government seized power and does not let any of its citizens leave the country. Thus efforts to help the Falashas come to Israel must be discreet. A great deal is being done, the spokesman said, but this is not the time to give details. The same is true, he added, regarding efforts to help the refugees. Yehudit Huebner, director of the aliyah and registration department in the Ministry of the Interior, said yesterday that the ministry has never refused a visa to a Falasha. She added, however, that the "nationality" rubric is not filled in on official forms until the Falasha brings a certificate from the rabbinic attesting to his Jewishness. (Photo — page 2)



Thousands of mourners crowd around the bier of Rabbi Haim Shmulewitz, dean of the Mir Yeshiva, who died in Jerusalem late Monday night and was buried yesterday. (Story — page 2.) (Elihu Harati)

Cairo ready to talk, still wants timetable

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies AVIV. — Egypt said yesterday it is prepared to resume the stalled peace negotiations with Israel but stressed that it will not budge from its demand that Palestinian self-rule be established in the West Bank and Gaza by the end of this year. The Egyptian statement, made through state-controlled newspapers, came after the gap between the Egyptian and Israeli positions was narrowed slightly, although major differences still exist.

Egyptian spokesmen viewed the Israel offer as signalling a change of heart, constituting a switch from its recent "take it or leave it" attitude. But at the same time, the Egyptians sought clarifications of Israel's position on linking the establishment of Palestinian autonomy to the treaty with Israel and on the Egyptian insistence that the peace treaty have no precedence over other obligations. Egyptian spokesmen viewed the Egyptian resumption of peace talks on a guarantee of Palestinian autonomy and another guarantee that Egypt's commitments to other Arab countries would not be affected by the treaty with Israel. Voicing pessimism, Cairo's "Al-Gomhouriya" newspaper said that Egypt "does not expect" an early resumption of the peace talks, noting that "there is a clear difference between Egypt and Israel on the basis of negotiations."

The Egyptian cabinet was due to review Israel's offer to reopen negotiations on the outstanding issues that have delayed the signing of a peace treaty between the two countries. Israel said on Sunday it was willing to discuss arrangements for a West Bank and Gaza autonomy as well as Egypt's demand for reviewing security arrangements in Article 4 of the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty.

U.S. expects peace talks to be resumed shortly

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Egypt is expected to announce formally this week a readiness to resume the stalled peace treaty negotiations with Israel, diplomatic sources here reported yesterday. Such an announcement, the sources said, could come as early as today. Because Israel on Sunday expressed a readiness to continue the efforts aimed at resolving the remaining differences in the draft peace treaty, the sources expected the negotiations to get back on track shortly.

Minister Moshe Dayan, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance heading the three delegations. Officially, the State Department yesterday said that no final decision has yet been made as to the location or format of the negotiations. Spokesman Hodding Carter III told newsmen that Washington was still awaiting Egypt's formal response to the latest Israel cabinet communique. The spokesman had no formal comment on the Israel cabinet statement.

No show this Friday at Cameri; gov't safe

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The show that threatened to topple the government will not be staged at the Cameri Theatre this Friday night, but the denouement of the Sabbath theatre drama is still far off. Although Mayor Shlomo Lahat says that he still has not officially called off the Cameri performance, it was clear last night that the show, which had angered the religious parties to the point where they threatened to bring down the government, will not go on. The three religious parties are pacified for the time being, feeling triumphant after Act I. The national coalition appears to be safe at least for another 10 days — until next Friday. Prime Minister Menachem Begin told a delegation of MKs and ministers from the religious parties that Mayor Shlomo Lahat had informed him that this Friday's controversial show would be cancelled, although the decision applies to this Friday only. The question of coming weeks will be resolved in the next few days. Lahat told The Jerusalem Post, however, "If this is what the prime minister said, then it is not true. I promised no such thing. It is possible that Begin will not accurately quote."

Privately, however, some Americans saw a new opening in the carefully worded statement and were somewhat encouraged by it. Vance and other U.S. officials do not believe that the remaining four or five differences separating Israel and Egypt are all that substantial.

Planes 'empty in, full out' Foreigners quit Iran in droves

TEHERAN. — A stream of foreigners left strife-torn Iran yesterday as scattered new demonstrations against the shah broke out in Teheran. An undisclosed number of people were reported wounded in the capital, and the official radio said that the mayor of the southeastern town of Raisanjan was shot dead. Former opposition politician Shapur Bakhtiar suffered a slight setback in his efforts to form a civilian government. The lower house of Parliament cancelled a planned meeting at which it was to hold a "vote of intent" — involving advance acceptance of Dr. Bakhtiar as prime minister — because of his broadcast plea to the nation on Monday night to give him a chance to end the crisis.

Rumours persisted, however, that senior pro-shah officers were trying to keep the monarch in the country at all costs, fearing that if he left, even briefly, he might not be able to return. The state radio said that two people waiting in a Teheran shopping queue were killed when a soldier's machine-gun went off accidentally. The radio said that in the southern town of Ferozabad, some government offices and banks were set on fire by demonstrators, but in the northwestern city of Keshayeh 100,000 protesters held a two-hour demonstration which went off peacefully. Soldiers yesterday maintained order in the long queues of people and cars awaiting kerosene and petrol in Teheran. The official radio said that negotiations were going on between the authorities and railway workers, who have been on strike since Saturday, in an effort to resume transport of at least foodstuffs and fuel.

At Teheran airport, patrolled by hundreds of heavily armed troops, planes carrying Iranians as well as foreigners were able to leave yesterday after military personnel took over the duties of air traffic controllers, on strike in protest against the shah. However, the controllers later agreed to go back to work as of last night, but only to allow passengers to leave Iran, airline sources said. The controllers said they would not handle aircraft flying passengers in from abroad, but would help to get full planes out. "It looks like 'empty in, full out,'" one foreign airline official said. One Air India jet coming from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates got no response from the airport control tower on its approach, and turned back for the Gulf state. Some Western pilots took off without traffic control supervision, flying below international flight paths in the clear weather to get their national home. The departures seemed to be a prelude to a large-scale foreign evacuation in the face of the increasingly critical political and economic situation. Many of the foreigners were taking regular commercial flights, but two transport planes from the U.S. and Belgian air forces arrived to take out dependants of their nations' military and oil company personnel. A West German civilian airliner took Iranians and Westerners of many nationalities to Frankfurt. Most of the departing Iranians were heavily loaded with baggage, indicating they were planning to stay out of the country for some time. A diplomatic source in Teheran said that there are 4,200 Americans in Iran who want to leave this week. There were about 40,000 in the country before the trouble started, but some 10,000 of those have left. The parliamentary vote of intent on premier-designate Bakhtiar was not essential, but house sources said many deputies were angry at his decision to leave his post for radio and television. In his speech, which was still being transmitted yesterday, the premier-designate pledged to free political prisoners, promote civil liberties, reinstate a free press and gradually lift martial law. But he did not mention the shah, and it was still unclear whether the monarch would leave the country, at least temporarily. Most opposition leaders said he must leave if law and order were to be restored. Many anti-shah demonstrators demand his execution.

Shah to go abroad, appoint regents TEHERAN (AFP). — Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi of Iran has agreed to go abroad for a "rest" and to appoint a council of regents, Iranian Prime Minister-designate Shapur Bakhtiar said yesterday. Bakhtiar, 63, said in an exclusive interview with French television that the shah had made the decision of his own accord. In the last few days, anti-shah oil workers have been producing only about a third of the 700,000 barrels a day required for the home market. No oil is being exported from Iran, normally the world's second largest exporter. The Du Pont Co. said yesterday that it has halted production at the Polyacryl Iran Corp. fibres plant near Isfahan due to a shortage of fuel. The plant, which employs 2,000 persons including 30 Americans, was placed on standby status, ready to resume production "when conditions warrant," Du Pont announced in Wilmington, Delaware. In London, British Petroleum (BP) informed all its crude oil customers that due to the situation in Iran, supplies will be cut by 30 to 35 per cent during the first quarter of 1979. The company said it is seeking alternative sources of supply to help compensate for the Iranian shortfall. Elsewhere yesterday, thousands of people gathered for a funeral service in the northeastern city of Mashhad, where the government acknowledged that 100 people died in weekend clashes between anti-shah militants and the army. Spokesmen for the Ayatollah Shirazi, the city's religious leader, said that the gathering was peaceful. The state radio said the Iranian senate had dispatched three members to investigate the weekend of violence. A BBC correspondent who visited Mashhad yesterday said that the city was heavily damaged and buildings were riddled with bullets.

Katsav calls for help for Iranian Jews

Jerusalem Post Organizer AVIV. — The government should organize a mass rescue operation for Iranian Jewry, MK Moshe Katsav declared in a report he distributed yesterday. Katsav, just back from a visit to Iran, charged that the Jewish Agency had failed to meet the challenge posed by the crisis, thus preventing the aliyah of thousands of Iranian Jews. He added that it was probably too late to save the situation. Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulzin said last night that the Agency was doing all it could for Iranian Jews. "The time has not yet come to publish the story of the current rescue of Iran's Jews," he said.

El Al Teheran flight returns with criticism of Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — An El Al Boeing jet arrived here from Teheran yesterday evening bearing 185 passengers, some of whom were critical of Israeli media coverage of events in Iran and of the official attitude to Jewish immigrants fleeing the strife-torn country. Some of the Israeli passengers told reporters here that the press had caused "panic" by grossly exaggerating the situation in Iran. There was plenty of food in Teheran, they said, and although it was necessary to queue up to get petrol, it could still be obtained. One couple told of going by car to do their shopping in a well-stocked supermarket before they left, and El Al workers refused to accept food sent them by the company from Israel because they had quite enough. Other passengers said that if El Al were to send more planes to Iran it could fill up two or three with people wanting to leave the country. Some people complained that El Al put Israelis and Jews on the plane first and Iranian passengers came next. An 18-year-old woman named Simone said that "Israelis have to learn to improve their attitude towards Iranian Jews. If they do then many more will come to Israel." Would she stay here? "I don't know," she replied. A 57-year-old businessman, who declined to give his name, said that Jewish Agency officials would have to do more to persuade Iranian Jews to stay in Israel. Another passenger, who spoke fluent Hebrew, said he had no intention of staying here. He was on his way to join his daughter in the U.S. and hoped to return to his business in Iran "when things calm down."

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COLD COMING

The weatherman said last night that the cold front currently inflicting Europe's worst winter in many years is moving eastward, and is on the point of reaching Malta. The front is expected to start affecting Israel's weather from Thursday, when rain is predicted, accompanied by a drop in temperatures. (Earlier story — page 4.)

Scopus bomb meant for cinema area

By DAVID RICHARDSON
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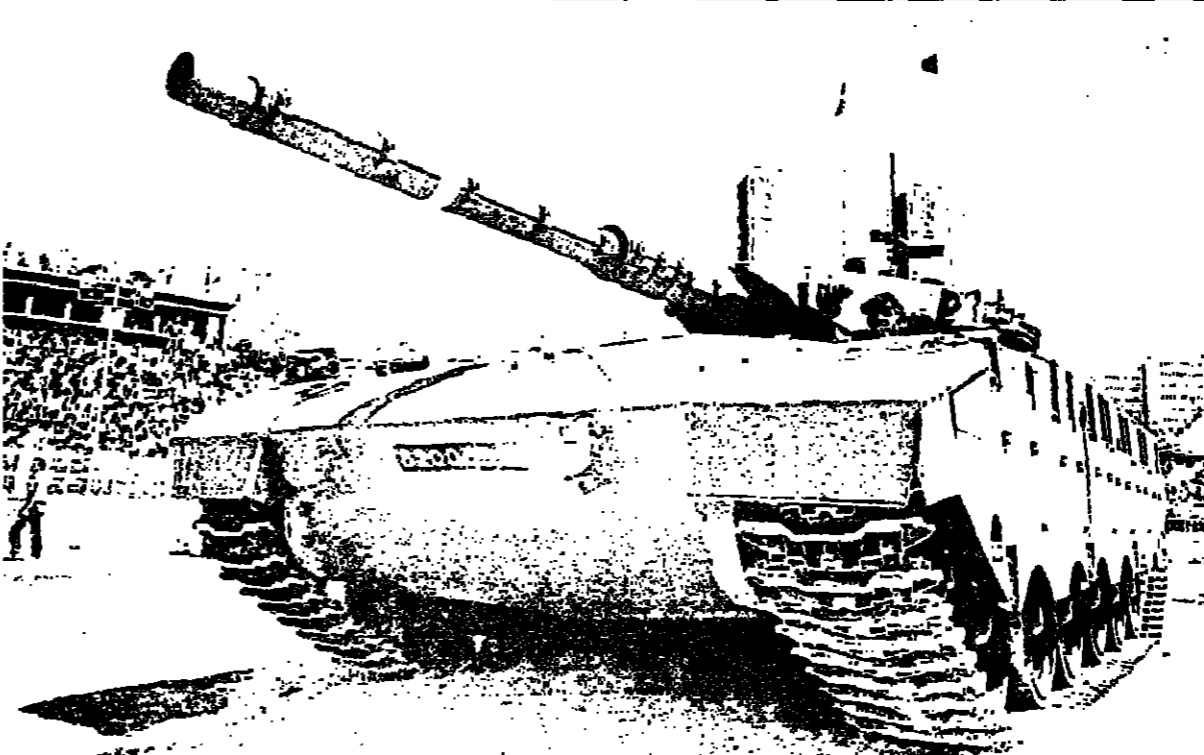
described as moderate. The couple were married last month.

Bomb disposal experts who examined the wrecked apartment in Isawiya said that the blast occurred when the two men were apparently preparing a large bomb. The experts estimated that the bomb consisted of several kilos of standard explosive and was apparently intended for the cinema district in central Jerusalem. The bomb was set to go off at 11 p.m. on Monday evening, but the explosion occurred at 10:30.

Police detained many people on suspicion of complicity — most of them in the village of Isawiya. The village is on the eastern slopes of Mt. Scopus.

One officer said the initial results of the investigation showed that the "accident" and the subsequent police activity had prevented several major terrorist attempts.

Security on the Jordan River bridges on Israel's borders has been greatly intensified following reports that terrorists would try to stage some attack to coincide with "Fatah Day," which was this past Monday. General surveillance has been increased and people entering the West Bank from Jordan are being thoroughly searched.



The Merkava on show at the 30th anniversary Independence Day march-past at the Hebrew University stadium last year. (David Rubinger)

Gur won't get senior reserve appointment

Post Military Correspondent

The decision by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman not to grant former chief of staff Mordechai Gur a senior position in the reserves has surprised the defence establishment. Gur officially left the army yesterday.

Gur went to see Weizman on Monday morning to establish what he would be doing in the reserves. Gur was told that the minister had decided not to award him a formal reserve post, but that he would call on him in times of emergency only.

The minister said that it was not customary to offer a former chief of staff an official reserve position in peace time. The minister pointed out that only in the case of the late David Elazar had an exception been made.

Gur, it is understood, believes that Weizman's motives for denying him a command are political and linked to Gur's remarks on the peace negotiations with Egypt, which he likened to a "diplomatic Yom Kippur," when he spoke to senior officers a few months ago.

MKA see fuel dump hazard near schools

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Staff officer that the army would soon build a high wall around the fuel barrels. The officer showed the MKAs that the concrete base on which the barrels rested had been recently rebuilt with a slant so that any drip or leak would run away from the school and not towards it.

The army also agreed yesterday to Jerusalem fire chief Yehuda Cohen's demand to spray the area between the school and the dump with defoliants to diminish the chance of a brush fire. This will be done when the rainy season ends.

The army also plans to install a direct line between the base and the Elin Kerem school for immediate contact in case of emergency.

The subcommittee intends to recommend that the Education Ministry build more shelters in the school. The committee will also recommend that the school authorities institute and practise special drill procedures necessitated by the situation. The army has promised to cooperate with a drill procedure.

Some of the parents originally complained that the big danger was not the fuel but the explosives stockpiles, which they claimed endangered not only the school but the neighbouring Haasasah Hospital and the village of Beit Zayit. The Knesset members said they were satisfied with the safety arrangements regarding the ammunition and would not touch on the subject in their recommendations.

But, The Jerusalem Post has learned that the army informally promised worried parents that the ammunition dump would be closed down and dangerous material removed from the area in two-and-a-half years' time, apparently because of its proximity to the hospital and to Jerusalem's western neighbourhoods.

In a report commissioned by Beit Zayit parents, a Tel Aviv engineering firm concluded on December 10 that both the fuel dump and the ammunition dump were too close to the school and represented an unacceptable hazard. The engineers recommended that the pupils be removed from the school until the situation changed.

IDF may move Merkava project to industry

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

The Defence Ministry is currently considering handing over the production of the Israel tank, the Merkava, to a government-owned industrial complex and moving the project out of the hands of the Israel Defence Forces. This was learned in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The tank, which has been the source of some controversy in recent months, is currently being produced by the Ordnance Corps with responsibility for its development in the hands of Aluf (Res.) Yisrael Tal.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman has initiated a study to determine whether a project the size of the Merkava should not be handled by the army, and instead shifted to an industry managed by civilians but linked to the government, such as the Israel Aircraft Industries, which is responsible to a board of directors, and is thus more open to criticism and control. The study is to be completed soon.

Over the past few months the Merkava project and the authoritarian manner in which Tal has retained over its development have caused public criticism. Weizman apparently wants to obviate this criticism by moving the multi-million-dollar production process over to a non-military industrial structure. It was also learned yesterday that the Defence Ministry is currently considering making the military industries — currently a department of the ministry — a government company, also along the lines of the Israel Aircraft Industries.

The idea here would be also to institute tighter control over a huge military industrial complex which is currently not under a board of directors.

Another change currently being instituted is the creation of an advisory council to the chief scientist of the defence establishment, charged with giving professional advice on projects costing over IL20 million. Prof. Amos Horev will be named chairman of the council and will have the final word in formulating recommendations on various projects for the minister.

Injuries weaken team to face Borussia

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel national team to face Borussia Moenchengladbach the German first-division club, today will be weakened by the absence through injury of Uri Maimilian, Vicky Peretz and Gad Machness. The game, at Bloomfield Stadium, kicks off at 5 p.m.

Replacing the injured will be three Jerusalem players — Shlomo Kirat of Betar in defence, Danny Neuman of Betar in midfield, and Ya'acov Buzaglo of Hapoel in attack. Arye Haviv in goal and Ehud Tovim retain their places.

Moenchengladbach, one of Europe's top clubs throughout the 1970s, are rebuilding their team and will appear with a young XI. The exception is Alan Simonson, the 26-year-old flying Danish striker who was voted "European Footballer of the Year" in 1977.

Chess tourney held at Rishon LeZion

RISHON LEZION. — The favourites failed to win the chess festival organized by the local Hapoel chess club to mark the town's 95th anniversary and its own 40th birthday. Over 100 players took part, including Israel champion Roman Djinidzhashvili, former champion Natan Birnboim and international master Shlomo Kagan.

There was a three-way tie for first place, with Yehuda Grinfeld (member of Israel's Olympic team), Ofer Komai and Yohanan Afek scoring 6½ points out of nine games and netting IL6,300 each. In the final round, 21-year-old Komai defeated Djinidzhashvili, Afek beat Birnboim and Grinfeld beat S. Nagar.

Fourth place — Djinidzhashvili, S. Kagan, N. Birnboim and I. Gelfer, 5½ points.

Eighth place — Zadok Domnitz and Nehemiah Kasimov, 5 points.

Meir Grossberg of Ashdod, won the reserve tournament with 9 points.

Do gets high in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

always transacted in rented flats, never in the suspect's own home. On Monday night the police staked out his current business address and arrested the suspect as he emerged — empty handed.

Officers entered the flat with their hashish-detecting dog team. The dogs rushed straight to the stove, barking in anticipation. Inside were 3,200 fingers of hashish, worth IL300,000.

The pungent smell overcame one of the dogs. Despite training, he succumbed to the narcotic.

Inspector Friedman noted that police hit two retail drug peddling operations in Haifa during the past two weeks, confiscating 200 fingers of hashish.

Patt answers

Post Knesset Reporter

Construction and Housing Minister Gideon Patt replied yesterday to a parliamentary question regarding an exchange of insults between him and Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon that reportedly took place in the Knesset building during a meeting of ministers in late November.

Dov Shilansky (Likud-Herut), in a question submitted on November 26, cited media reports to the effect that: (1) Patt had said of Sharon that he knew how to talk a lot but had never built anything in his life; (2) Sharon then referred to Patt as "the person who is known as the minister of construction."

Shilansky addressed his question to the prime minister, whose office forwarded it to Patt. Here are Shilansky's three questions, and Patt's answers:

Q: "Are the facts in accord with what was published, partially or completely?"

A: "What was published is not accurate."

Q: "Is such an exchange, not to mention its leakage for publication, in harmony with sound administration?"

A: "No."

Q: "What will His Excellency do so that such phenomena are not repeated?"

A: "To the best of my ability."

Science on decline here, says Eban

Post Knesset Reporter

He was opening a debate on the situation of higher education and scientific research in Israel. The debate originated with a motion for the agenda he presented last June.

Eban said that during the four-year period from 1973 to 1977, government participation in university budgets declined, in real terms, by 45 per cent. In recent years, no other country has reduced higher education budgets, and no other enterprise in Israel has suffered such a steep budgetary cut, he said.

5 armed men rob J'lem jeweller of IL100,000 cash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five men armed with Uzi sub-machineguns late yesterday robbed a Jerusalem jeweller of IL100,000 in cash.

The jeweller, J. Hamouri, was robbed on Derech Beit Lehem shortly before 8 p.m. Police last night were looking for the brown U.S.-made sedan in which the robbers fled. Police set up roadblocks in the area and on roads out of Jerusalem.

This was the first robbery in a month in Jerusalem. There were eight similar crimes during October and November, most of them in and around East Jerusalem. Because of the increase in this type of crime, police have set up a special investigations unit.

LOTTO. — This week's winning numbers in the Lotto lottery were 4, 13, 19, 28, 29, and 37. The extra number was 22. Top prize in the lottery was IL2,328,258.

U.S. health centre invites Israelis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ment during a recent visit here.

Glazier said the NIH invitation was "proof the Americans now consider the level of medicine practised, and the research carried out in Israeli institutions, on the same level as that in the U.S."

The Israeli delegation to NIH will be headed by Prof. Moshe Prywes, head of the Centre for Health Sciences at the Ben-Gurion University.

Histadrut lines up weapons for January C-o-L battle

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

private employers, may persuade Ehrlich to change his position.

Another subject discussed was the proposed compulsory arbitration law, and the committee, in accordance with Histadrut policy, is vehemently opposed. Yisrael Kessar, chairman of the Trade Union Department, said that the Histadrut agreement with the government specifically states that the government will not propose compulsory arbitration and that if a Knesset member should do so in a private bill, the Histadrut will abrogate its agreement to voluntary arbitration. Kessar said that the law, which includes prison sentences, fines and punitive damages as punishments for violations, is undemocratic.

It was agreed that the plenum of the department will meet to discuss the proposed law and that Zvi Natanson, head of the Histadrut Labour Law Department, will meet with Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz.

The committee also approved Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has refused to "bribe" workers, there is a possibility that the threat of Histadrut action, or a positive response by the

'Royal Navy ensured illegals' safe arrival'

LONDON (UPI). — Some commanders of the British Royal navy, while under orders to prevent "illegal" Jewish immigrants from entering Palestine 30 years ago, just before the State of Israel was established, did their best to ensure they reached Haifa safely. This was disclosed yesterday by British cabinet documents of the period.

The documents were made public for the first time under the government rule keeping them secret for 30 years.

Reports from British navy commanders to the government at the time indicated that some officers made sure that immigrant ship captains knew where they were, had enough food and water on board and were seaworthy.

After that the British ship would escort the immigrant ships into Haifa, carry out a token boarding inside Palestinian waters and then pilot or tow them into harbour. Britain at that time was occupying power in Mandate Palestine.

One report from Lt. Commander M.C. Morris, commander of the British destroyer Chulders, told of intercepting the Jewish immigrant ship Sylvia Starita on February 1, 1945.

Morris said the ship ignored orders to identify itself but ran up Star of David flags and displayed name boards in English and Hebrew describing the vessel as "Haganah Ship Heroes of Etzion."

Morris reported that he kept company with the ship throughout a stormy night and on reaching Palestine territorial waters next morning sent a boarding party aboard.

"I decided against employing an overture of tear gas, Chinese crackers and high-pressure hoses unless active hostility was shown by the illegals," Morris reported. "The general behaviour of immigrants indicated this was unnecessary and subsequent events confirmed this."

Morris reported that the vessel's diesel engine had broken down and she was towed into Haifa by another British destroyer, the Marauder. Morris reported intercepting another immigrant ship, a two-masted schooner, 40 km. from Beirut, "flying the usual Star of David flags but carrying no name boards, as is usual."

Morris reported that the schooner turned out to be a Haganah ship which had been at sea 20 days with 700 passengers.

He said the vessel allowed a boarding party to come aboard. He said a British officer took charge and steered her into Haifa harbour.

Ehrlich predicts lean years after peace treaty signing

By SHLOMO MAOZ and ASHER WOLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporters

In the coming budget year. Ehrlich also told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday that three years was not enough for the IDF to complete its redeployment in the Negev. For that reason, a table of priorities which would have to be drawn up, to decide which projects had to be completed urgently within the three-year period agreed on between Israel and Egypt for the withdrawal.

Surveying the economic implications of the peace agreement, Ehrlich said the U.S. was well aware that Israel could not sign the peace without its financial assistance. "I hope \$1.5b. of the total \$3b. requested will be a grant," he said.

The finance minister complained to the Economic Club that all the other ministers in the cabinet opposed him when he proposed cuts in their departmental allocations. "Only the premier came to my aid in this dark hour" during the presentation of the draft budget to the cabinet, Ehrlich said.

Ehrlich admitted to a couple of failures on the part of his ministry during the past year. One of these was the rise in the rate of inflation beyond the predicted level, especially in the past two months, and another was the lack of adequate supervision over the banks, whose over-generous granting of credit contributed to the rapid increase in prices.

Ehrlich accused the public of scorning the Israel pound, and of not "shopping around" sufficiently before making purchases.

He said he did not intend to raise taxes, because the large amount of "black" money in circulation means that such a step would only benefit tax evaders. The governor of the Bank of Israel had advocated a tax rise of 5 per cent, Ehrlich revealed.

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Cambodia charges massive drive by Vietnam aided by Soviet Bloc

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Kampuchea (Cambodia) yesterday accused Vietnam of launching attacks deep into its territory with the aid of the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact countries.

The allegations were made in a Kampuchean government statement as Western diplomatic sources confirmed that fighting between the two communist neighbours had intensified in recent days.

The statement said that the Vietnamese and their Soviet Bloc allies launched massive attacks into southwest, east and northeast Kampuchea during the last three months of 1978 — but met with serious setbacks.

Since December 25 they have again mustered a "huge number" of troops, tanks, artillery and aircraft.

and have invaded Kampuchean territory east of the Mekong River and in the southwest. It alleged.

The Kampuchean statement, read by President Khieu Samphan, appealed for support from all the country's friends.

It was not clear from the statement's wording whether Kampuchea was alleging the actual involvement of Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces in the attacks. Diplomats said that Kampuchea seemed to be implying that Vietnam was using Soviet-supplied planes and weaponry and receiving strong ideological support.

Kampuchea said that massive forces had also been mobilised to launch an invasion into its northeastern provinces of Ratanakiri and Kratie, and along National Route 7 in the east.

Diplomatic sources said that bombing and fighting had increased in these areas over the past few days, but there was no indication of any huge new build-up of Vietnamese troops.

The Kampuchean statement, broadcast by Radio Phnom Penh and monitored here, came a day after Hanoi-backed Kampuchean guerrillas claimed to have captured Kratie town — a key Mekong River port which controls supply routes to northeast Kampuchea.

The diplomatic sources had no confirmation of the capture of Kratie, and said that last reports indicated the Vietnamese were several tens of kilometres from the town, pushing inland from border enclaves.

It was possible that they may be in Kratie now, the sources added.

'Zimbabwe Rhodesia' Terrorists attack home in Salisbury

SALISBURY. — Black terrorists early yesterday blasted a home in a white section of the capital with rockets and small arms fire, causing damage but no casualties. The attack coincided with the publication of a draft majority-rule constitution for "Zimbabwe Rhodesia."

The attack against the home of Colin and Jean Shirley, in the suburb of Borrowdale within the Salisbury city limits, was mounted by 10 to 20 insurgents, according to a friend of the family.

There were eight persons in the house at the time of the attack. Mrs. Shirley said a rocket struck a steel and wood pole outside the house and fragmented. A large piece of shrapnel ripped through the window, brought down the curtains, tore through a wall and pierced the deep freezer, she said.

Immediately after the blast, bullets began whizzing through the house.

Colin Shirley said he got his weapon, a semi-automatic machine pistol purchased six months earlier, but did not go outside to fire because "I didn't see any sense in being a hero."

Rhodesian troops were immediately unleashed on an intensive search operation involving armoured cars and helicopters. Borrowdale is situated some 18 km. from a black tribal reserve which



A Rhodesian soldier on guard as civilians enjoy a game of golf.

(AP radiophoto)

frequently serves as a staging area for insurgents.

In another incident, a group of armed black men on Monday night wounded two members of the staff of the University of Rhodesia, Louis Muggleton, the dean of the school of engineering, and George Cross, the university's head janitor, were stabbed with bayonets and were hospitalized, police said. Muggleton

was later released.

The incidents coincided with the release of a draft majority rule constitution which, together with a "white paper" translating the legal language into plain English, went on sale in urban centres. The major surprise in the draft constitution was the name — Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

The name was a success for the whites in planning the new nation scheduled to emerge after one-man, one-vote elections on April 20. During years of struggle against white supremacy, black nationalists had always referred to their hoped-for new state simply as Zimbabwe. But in recent months the white minority had pressed strongly to have the name Rhodesia retained as a symbol of their achievements. (UPI. Reuter)

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Shops and Services in Jerusalem

Buyers' Guide

By MIKE ARONSTAM

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Snob, Jerusalem's new international fashion shop, has a unique selection of imported and local winter outfits. Plus an outstanding collection of fashion jewelry, hand-made leather and accessories. Snob also carries a beautiful range of high fashion wedding gowns. For a complete fashion trip, pop into Snob at the Clal Centre (3rd floor level) 97 Rehov Yafa. Tel. 226720.

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Hahn for toys and games

At Hahn Toys, Jerusalem's leading toy shop, you'll find a combination of service, reasonable prices and variety that makes shopping a real pleasure. Hahn's are stockists of some of the most popular imported games including: Jumbo games and puzzles. Film modelling material, Nopper, Fisher-Price toys, Playskool and others. Whether you're looking for a gift for your own family or for a friend, you can't do better than Hahn's toy shop. Rehov Shamal (opposite the Orion Cinema) Tel. 222034.

Decorate your home with Roller Blinds

A big problem in home decor is how to show off your windows to best advantage — taking into consideration the practical as well as the aesthetic benefits. That's why I have no hesitation in recommending Solaroid Roller Blinds. Firstly, the choice of designs is very large, which gives you the opportunity to match your windows with the rest of the room. The designs are Scandinavian, the fabric, cotton treated with plastic, is imported, but the final product is manufactured to very high specifications in Israel. You can order your Solaroid Roller Blinds to your own specifications, and, believe me, they are very easy to install. Solaroid Roller Blinds act as a perfect sun screen and can be adjusted to any height with fingertip control. What else? They are of extremely high quality and will not fray at the edges. You'll find a full selection of beautiful patterns and designs in Jerusalem at 23 Hillel St. In Tel Aviv, Solaroid is at 262 Dizengoff. Tel. 03-441149

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Winter car protection

Good news for the rainy season: get your rubber refills for your windshield wipers at Solomon's Auto Accessories, 24 Agnon St., near the U.S. Consulate. Also all the winter items you're going to need for comfortable driving in cold weather: battery cables, rubber floor mats, rear window defrosters, fog lights. Also winter sprays to protect your battery and ignition system. And don't forget, Solomon's have the largest selection of seat covers in the Jerusalem area. Visit Leonie and Toby Shuster, new immigrants from the USA at Solomon's Auto Accessories, Tel. 249925.

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New children's boutique

Talita, a new children's boutique has opened in the Clal Centre. During the first month they will be giving out free gifts with all purchases, plus a 10-15% discount if you take this ad with you. Talita keeps an outstanding range of hand-knits for babies and children. They have some exquisite dresses for all ages up to 14 years — dresses that you won't find anywhere else in Jerusalem. Also hand-made mobiles, leather bags and a wide variety of decorative accessories. What's more, Talita will take orders for any hand-made item you require — to your own specifications. Visit Talita on the ground floor of the Clal Centre on Jaffa Road (near the Kfir Cinema).

Violence in Turkey forces interior minister to resign

ANKARA (UPI). — Turkish Interior Minister Irfan Ozyaydin resigned yesterday, giving another turn of the screw to an explosive national crisis in which fistfights have already broken out in parliament. Ozyaydin presented his resignation at a meeting of the ruling party presided over by Premier Bulent Ecevit, who praised the minister's "night-and-day work in this difficult period," and accepted his resignation. Parliament met immediately afterward and reports from the chamber indicated Ecevit's government — which declared martial law last month in much of the country in the face of year-long civil strife — would resign.

Witnesses in the chamber said arguments became so heated among

members that fistfights erupted on the floor.

In riots 10 days ago, more than 100 people were killed in sectarian Moslem clashes in the southeastern city of Kahraman Maras. Altogether, more than 800 people were killed in political and sectarian fighting in Turkey during 1978.

As interior minister, Ozyaydin is in charge of all police and paramilitary gendarme forces responsible for keeping order in rural areas. He took over the post a year ago.

Ecevit faces a vote of censure — tantamount to a vote of no-confidence — in parliament this week or early next week for failing to take tougher measures earlier last year. But he is expected to weather such a motion.

Spain's pollution fears fade as crippled tanker towed out

LA CORUNA, Spain (Reuters). — The crippled Greek supertanker Andromeda was taken in tow by a Dutch tug yesterday, but there were conflicting reports about her final destination.

The tanker, loaded with 200,000 tons of Iranian crude oil, caught fire after an explosion on New Year's Eve as it sailed through a storm off northwest Spain.

All but three of the 33 people aboard abandoned ship, but their lifeboats capsized in mountainous

seas and they were hurried into the water.

Thirty people, including the captain, his wife and baby son, are now thought to have drowned.

The three seamen who remained on board the ship were rescued by helicopter on Monday.

Fears of a major pollution disaster along Spain's northwest coast, fanned for its fishing and sandy beaches, receded yesterday as the tanker was taken in tow about 90 km. off Cape Finisterre.

Viet refugee dies on Huey Fong

HONGKONG. — A Vietnamese refugee died yesterday of internal bleeding aboard the stranded Taiwanese freighter Huey Fong — but Hongkong still stood firm on its decision to bar entry to the 2,700 homeless people on the ship.

A government spokesman said: "Of course this is very sad and unfortunate, but the Hongkong government's position remains the same. This is not the ship's first port of call."

As the Huey Fong saga entered its 11th day, the Taiwanese skipper radioed news of the first death since the ship arrived here. He said a 59-year-old refugee had died of internal bleeding shortly after midnight on Monday night.

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Two die in Spanish political violence

MADRID (UPI). — Presumed Basque separatist submachine-gunned to death an army major on Monday at the door of his home in the northern city of San Sebastian, police said.

The blast in Pamplona killed Francisco Berlanga Robles. He and another bomb squad member were trying to defuse a device that had been planted near the offices of a well-known member of the extreme right-wing Fuerza Nueva party.

Witnesses said he was so badly mutilated not one stitch of grey uniform was left visible on what remained of the body.

No group immediately took responsibility for the slaying, but the separatist organization ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty) has killed 39 people in the last three months and was suspected of being responsible.

The troops killed Nicolao dos Reis Lobato, 37, on Sunday on Maubesse mountain in central East Timor, the agency said.

The Indonesian government earlier had promised amnesty for Fretilin members who surrendered before January 1, 1978. Lobato was

Experts pooh-pooh sightings of UFOs

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP). — Experts pooh-poohed a television crew's claim to find UFOs on the New Zealand air force put a plane on the alert to chase any more suspicious sky travellers that show up.

David Mabin, head of New Zealand's Mount John Observatory, said the UFOs that the Australian TV men said they spotted over the weekend and another sighting reported on the east coast of Australia early yesterday almost certainly were the planet Venus.

Mabin said Venus is currently at its brightest and can be seen for about 12 hours a day. "From a moving aircraft or from a car, it could appear to be moving at the same speed because of the great distance," he said.

The leading British astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell told London newspapers that the sightings probably were meteors that failed to burn up on entering the atmosphere, that it was "depressing and deplorable" that bright objects in the heavens could be imagined as

visitors from outer space, and that such suggestions were science fiction.

The Australian television films were shown in the U.S. on Monday, and afterward UFO expert Allen Hynek of Northwestern University told CBS Evening News: "This is certainly one of the best if not the best, purported UFO films I've seen. I'm cautioning us to be wary of it simply because it doesn't fit a general pattern. It is a nocturnal light, and light seen in the night sky can be caused by a great many things."

Another UFO expert, Phillip Klass, avionics editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, said on the same broadcast: "My preliminary conclusion at this point is that probably the object they photographed was a celestial body, perhaps Venus."

Quentin Fogarty, a reporter for a Melbourne, Australia, TV station, said his crew filmed the UFOs for seven minutes on Saturday night from a plane over Kalkoura, in the eastern region of New Zealand's South Island.

Vicious winter weather causes havoc in Europe

LONDON (UPI). — A treacherous onslaught of snow, ice and Arctic winds thrust much of northern and eastern Europe into a post-holiday chaos of cut-off fuel, impassable roads and monster snowdrifts yesterday that left thousands with no way to get back to work.

Since Friday, at least 26 people have died and others were reported missing in what forecasters across the continent called the worst freeze-up in decades.

At Yvrench, in northern France, a couple in their eighties froze to death when they abandoned their car to walk to the village. A dozen persons perished in West Germany over the holiday weekend, and in Switzerland avalanches swept four skiers to their death.

In southwest England, three trawlers drowned when storms dashed the 500-ton Ben Asdale on to rocks near Falmouth on Saturday, and in Kent a motorist died of cold when he abandoned his car in snowdrifts to phone for help.

In the Irish Republic, two 17-year-olds and an 85-year-old man were killed in car crashes and a 46-year-old man died after being found lying in the snow in Monaghan.

At Stamford-Hope, in Essex, police were trying to identify the body of a man found in the snow. In Aldershot, an elderly motorcyclist died when he lost control on an icy-laden road. A boy of seven in Manchester slipped through ice on a flooded clay-pit and was believed drowned.

British coast-guard officials searched for four fishermen who set out on an angling trip in the Thames estuary, and police issued iceberg

warnings to small-boat owners after ice-floes were spotted in the River Tyne.

In Poland, the government declared the northern and central provinces a disaster zone. Schools will remain closed until January 6, and the authorities appealed to citizens to conserve power. Polish railways cancelled 800 trains.

In East Germany, power cuts had to be ordered in certain areas and electricity lines felled by the weight of ice on the wires added to the trouble. The army ordered its soldiers, tracked vehicles and helicopters into action and most highways were closed by Monday evening. But trains were still running hours late.

Troops were out in West Germany also to help clear blocked roads after 80 hours continuous snowfall. Even tanks got stuck in the massive drifts. Several northern cities were declared disaster areas and banned private car travel on New Year's Day.

Power was cut in about 40 German communities on Monday. Nine army tanks trying to deliver electric generators to isolated villages near Rechenburg got stuck in snowdrifts and stayed there all day.

Temperate Britain was still in the grip of its worst winter weather in 15 years and forecasters predicted a low of minus 7 centigrade for yesterday.

But in Moscow the bitter cold snap broke on Monday evening when the thermometer edged all the way up to minus 10 — almost warm compared with Sunday, when the mercury registered a bone-chilling minus 45, on the coldest day in recorded history in the Soviet capital.

LA quake fails to halt football game

LOS ANGELES. — An earthquake hit the Los Angeles area on Monday, sending people running into the streets and causing landslides in the film-star colony of Malibu.

The moderate quake, which was quickly followed by three aftershocks, cut power to 37,000 homes. There was no report of serious injuries or of any extensive damage.

More than 200,000 people were packed into a stadium watching a football game, but the game went on without interruption.

The earthquake, which was felt up to 100 km. away, measured 4.6 on the Richter scale and its epicentre was in the Pacific, about five miles off the coast.

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency reported that an earthquake shook areas of the Soviet Central Asian republic of Tadzhikistan early yesterday. Tass reported that the quake was recorded in the Tadzhik capital of Dushanbe with a strength of 3-points on the 12-point Medvedev scale.

Indonesia troops kill rebel leader

JAKARTA, Indonesia (UPI). — Indonesian troops shot dead the president-elect of the National Front for the Liberation of East Timor (Freltin), Antara News Agency said on Monday.

The troops killed Nicolao dos Reis Lobato, 37, on Sunday on Maubesse mountain in central East Timor, the agency said.

The Indonesian government earlier had promised amnesty for Fretilin members who surrendered before January 1, 1978. Lobato was

killed more than 12 hours before the amnesty offer expired.

Lobato's death is a sharp blow to the rebels and is believed by the Indonesian military to mean the end of their three-year struggle for an independent East Timor against Indonesian troops.

The rebels also captured 12 Fretilin members during the attack. Defence minister and armed forces commander Gen. Juang and several prominent armed forces officials flew Monday to the area to see first-hand that Lobato was dead.

German vampire held

FRANKFURT (Reuters). — A 22-year-old West German student, arrested here following allegations of school girls being drugged, confessed that his hobby was drinking human blood, police said yesterday.

Four bottles of human blood, syringes and butchers' knives were seized from his home together with marijuana, cola leaves and arsenic.

Police said that he admitted under questioning that he drank blood extracted from himself and friends "as a hobby."

He is alleged to have invited girls aged between 12 and 15 to his apartment and drugged them. He was arrested after a complaint by the mother of one of the girls.

IRA bombers destroy bank in Cookstown

BELFAST (Reuters). — A 140-kilo bomb yesterday destroyed a Bank of Ireland building in Cookstown, Northern Ireland, and caused extensive damage to the town centre.

The Provisional Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the bombing in the western town as well as 12 smaller blasts which exploded around the province.

Police said no one was injured in the bombings but that damage to property was extensive.

Shell heiress dies

LONDON (UPI). — Olga Deterding, who inherited \$60m. when she was 10 and spent the rest of her life vainly seeking happiness, died with a glass of champagne in her hand raising a midnight toast to the new year.

A post mortem was being held yesterday to determine the cause of death.

Deterding, whose father founded the Royal Dutch Shell oil empire, collapsed and died at a New Year's Eve party in a Mayfair club. She was 49.

"She dreaded facing another year," one friend said. "She had everything, except somebody to love."

Huge Indian 2nd-wicket stand against W. Indies

CALCUTTA (Reuters). — Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengarkar crushed the West Indies bowling with a record-breaking unbeaten 34-run partnership on the fourth day of the third cricket test here yesterday.

India declared at 361 for one and the West Indies scored 15 without loss by the close. They need 320 runs to win today.

Gavaskar, the 29-year-old Indian captain, added two more records to his remarkable test career.

When he reached his second century of the match just after lunch, he became the first player to score 100 in each innings of a test three times.

His 47th test Vengarkar, 27, easily beat India's previous best second wicket partnership of 227, also set against the West Indies at Port-of-Spain in 1953.

Jerusalem Post

THE FIFTH PAGE

CONAKRY, Guinea. — Stokely Carmichael, just finishing his 10th year of laying low in this West African socialist backwater...

"Right now, we are starting slowly," he said. "This is not yet the moment for mass membership. We want people who are not going to run in the heat of the battle..."



Stokely Carmichael

He spends half his time in this tumbledown West African capital and half travelling around the world. He visits the U.S. frequently but keeps his profile low.

Waiting for the revolution

By MOBY ROSENBLUM/Associated Press

"We're going to tear this country apart," he said. "Since leaving the U.S., I realized how stupid and arrogant I was..."

in this socialist society where even basic food staples are scarce. He is separated from his wife, South African folk singer Miriam Makeba, who lives across the palm-fringed cove...

from London, Washington, Moscow and Peking. Often he disappears for days to lay plans undisturbed in an upcountry village.

"History is full of cases where Africans have struggled against the enemy, simultaneously but without even knowing it," he put it.

TO WORK or not to work? A career outside of the home? And if going out to work, how many hours and when the children are what age?

Guilt and the working mother

ALL IN THE FAMILY Eleanor Harris

For the single parent or the parent who must provide a second income, the problem is academic. But for the mother whose job provides the butter rather than the bread...

be limited to: a) mother as a role model, b) mother's emotional state as directly influenced by her work outside the home...

Stated more specifically, the degree of cooperation or conflict between mother and child, as measured by hours of help in the household or scolding or punishment...

expectations and goals, but this did not hold true for sons. In the middle and higher socio-economic class, children indicated greater esteem for working mothers...

biogous because of the difficulties in evaluating the impact of the day-care centre or the pre-school kindergarten on children of working and non-working mothers...

Book by Khomeini shows anti-Semitism

NEW YORK. — Ayatollah Khomeini, the exiled Iranian religious leader who has become the symbol of resistance to the Shah from his home in Paris, expresses anti-Jewish sentiments in a little known book based on lectures given in Iraq in 1970.

According to the book, he also said "from its very inception, Islam has been afflicted by the Jews. From the beginning they launched their hostile activity by distorting the good name of Islam..."

Reading the cards

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WEEKLY DUPLICATE GAMES. Ashkol - Tuesday; "Matzen" Quarter "D". Ashkelon - Monday; Cafe Maadan, Afridar. Beerseba - Monday; Makif, High School 3.

PEACE is on everyone's mind, and this is no less true for those people in Israel's two military academies. Registration for the military academies begins on January 14 and there has been some concern on the part of army people that the peace talks would turn parents and children away from the military academies.

Studying war for the sake of peace

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter. Life at the academies is by no means easy. Pupils awake at six for roll and calisthenics; then to breakfast and school. After school, they return to the academy for lunch and a short rest. Then they do their homework in a large study hall under the guidance of tutors and then go out for training.

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IT WOULD BE simple to say that this is a realistic and shocking film about life behind bars in one of the most infamous jails in the U.S. And obviously one can compare the brutality and degradation in "Short Eyes" to the artificial and semi-dramatic prison films made by James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart and George Raft.

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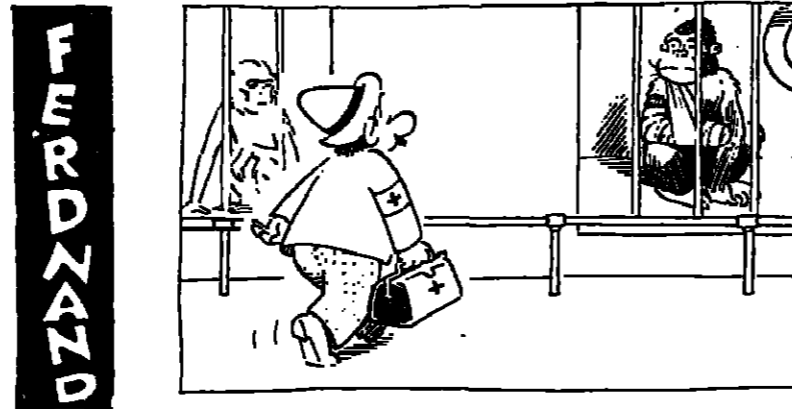
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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS
Bonds and bank shares
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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter
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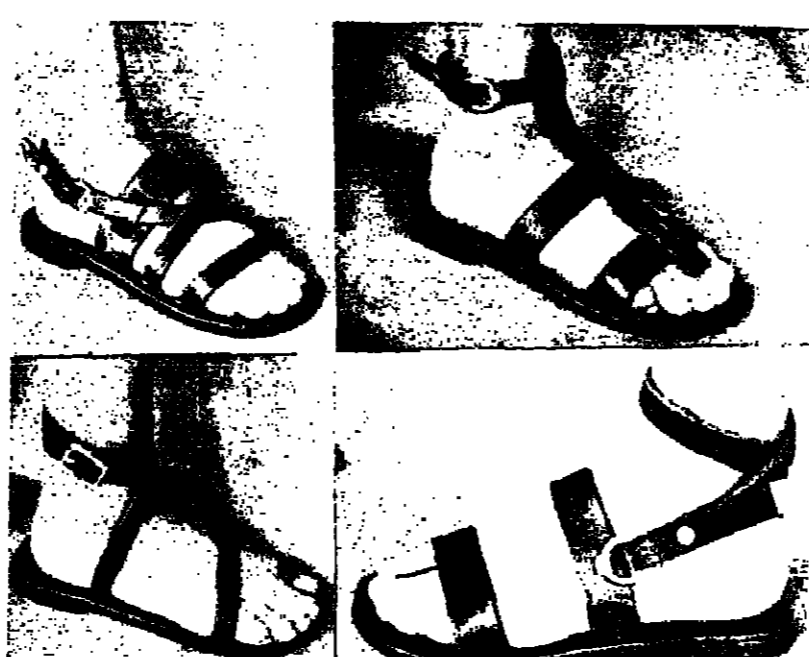
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Our flowers wilt while Europe freezes

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Cheap flights to Italy soon

By BARUCH SAVILE
Post Tourism Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Cheap excursion flights to Italy may soon be available through Atarot Airport, Jerusalem. According to reliable sources in Tel Aviv, Starline Tours, a subsidiary of the veterans' charter operators Sterling Airlines, has requested permission to operate weekly Boeing-727 pilgrim flights to Atarot from Rome and carry Israelis at low fares, on return flights.

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THE TAX administration, apparently prodded into action by public criticism of the government's abject failure to combat inflation through better collection of taxes, has in recent days shown a flurry of activity.

If the results of the recent checks on businesses are even near to being representative, they are shocking because they reveal that tax evasion is much more widespread and greater in scope than imagined.

As reported, no less than 120 businesses out of 250 that were examined in Jerusalem failed to record all their sales; 50 businesses — fully 20 per cent of those inspected — will be hauled immediately before the tax administration's investigation department. A similar investigation in the north of the country disclosed that 60 out of 100 vehicles stopped at the road leading to Umm-el-Fahm kept no books, and 20 of them were not registered at all with the tax authorities.

The results of these swoops by the tax authorities raise two major, but closely interrelated, questions. The first is what value can be attached to the treasury's estimates of tax revenue, as they appear in the budget. If these estimates are, as they must be, based on past experience and forecasts of the gross national product, they are also based on past practices of tax collection. They therefore represent a gross underestimate not only of what should be collected, but also of what can be collected.

The second question is that if these recent actions demonstrate that the tax authorities are perfectly able to catch tax shirkers with the present legal powers and with the present staff, where have they been until now? Why was tax evasion permitted to become as widespread as it apparently is, instead of being nipped in the bud long ago?

It should have been obvious to the government that the more widespread tax dodging is, the less will be the opprobrium attached to it, and the more difficult will it be to eradicate it.

The increased activity of the tax administration is to be lauded on the principle of "better late than never," but that does not justify the past laxity.

The danger is that, having been stung into activity by criticism, the effort to net the tax dodgers will soon fade again, and the tax administration will again resort to its routine pleas of inadequate staff and powers.

If this is allowed to happen, and the segment of the population that apparently feels immune to tax collection once again receives proof that taxes are easily evaded, then the so-called "parallel economy" will soon become dominant.

What the tax authorities have been doing in recent weeks must therefore become a continuing effort rather than a sporadic burst of action with an eye to the publicity it gains. Only if such actions become a matter of daily routine will tax evasion really become branded as a criminal offence rather than the nearly innocuous, and morally not culpable, "business practice" which is how many people see it today.

And only if pulling the tax net tighter and making its mesh smaller becomes an ongoing practice, will it be useful to endow the tax authorities with the additional powers they seek.

Of all the measures to combat inflation, stiffer collection of taxes probably ranks first, not only in terms of economic efficiency, but also in terms of equity. It is to be hoped that the Treasury will draw the appropriate conclusions from what its tax administration has, through action in the field, disclosed in recent weeks.

African stirrings

THE VISIT to Israel this past week by Swaziland Premier Maphevu Dhlamini was reminiscent of days past when Israel, itself taking its first steps along the road to nationhood, enjoyed a warm and special relationship with the countries of emerging Africa. Unfortunately those days have passed. Arab pressure and promises of economic benefit led to the expulsion of Israeli agricultural experts and technicians from the most remote corners of the continent, where men of goodwill worked together for the benefit of all.

Both parties are the poorer for the suspension of relations. Israel has never fully recovered from the loss of its African allies in the international arena, and the void left behind by Israeli technicians has never been filled or replaced by promises from the oil-rich Arab countries.

Perhaps this visit to Israel by Mr. Dhlamini will prove to be the signal of a new beginning in the relations between countries who could only benefit from cooperation.

POSTSCRIPTS

PERHAPS the only pro-PLO organization run by pro-Israeli students was founded recently at the University of Cape Town. At the first meeting of Al Asad (The Lion), Jewish students packed the hall and got themselves elected to three of the five executive positions — giving them firm control of the organization's activities. The well-planned coup also enabled the Jewish students to elect their own chairman, Adrian Eastman and Christopher Darrah, who had conceived the founding of Al Asad and convened the inaugural meeting, informed chairman (Marco) Danon that they intend resigning.

Minutes after Al Asad was formally launched, Jewish committee members Danon, Max Pohl and Mervyn Brande proposed a resolution condemning all forms of terrorism. Eastman voted against the motion while Darrah stormed out of the hall.

The Jewish Students Association has called on the Jewish committee members to resign as "the democratic right of all groups to express themselves on campus" must be recognized. No chance, responded Danon, Brande and Pohl. "We were elected democratically and here we stay."

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By rejecting Sadat's proposal to establish autonomy under Egyptian auspices in Gaza, Israel may have missed a good chance to prevent the creation of an independent Palestinian state, writes ALLAN E. SHAPIRO.

Whose autonomy?

YOM KIPPUR, 1978, may in time become associated with a missed opportunity in Israeli diplomacy potentially as serious as the military mishap of Yom Kippur, 1973. It was last October that King Hussein announced in a televised address that he had rejected American overtures to join in the peace framework established by the Camp David agreements. At the same time, President Sadat announced that his alliance with the Palestinians had been exhausted and that he was no longer prepared to be their spokesman in the movement towards self-rule.

The link between Sadat's Yom Kippur disengagement from the Palestinians and the statement last week by Butros Ghali about the coming confrontation with Israel over autonomy and the creation of an independent Palestinian state is not logical but historical. The two are an almost forgotten episode so crossed by fate that it deserves to be called tragic.

Events provided Israel with an unparalleled opportunity. For the first time since Sadat switched his alliance from the Russians to the Americans, a process that began even before the Yom Kippur War and developed with the disengagement agreements, there appeared a solid crack between Sadat and his American well-wishers. Egyptian and American interests parted company.

These interests revolve essentially over the question of who is to control the course of future developments. Egypt turned to America in the first place because it, rather than Russia, was capable of extracting Israeli concessions to satisfy Egypt's political requirements. Egypt's continued dependence on America is a function of that capability and those requirements.

Egyptian disengagement, as pressed by Sadat's Yom Kippur statement, produced an awkward silence from Washington. It was a silence similar to that which occurred when Sadat undercut the American-sponsored Geneva conference by announcing his readiness to go to Jerusalem.

SADAT washed his hands of the Palestinians just as Harold Saunders was barn-storming the West Bank to organize support for the American version of the Camp David formula. Having failed to prod Hussein off the fence, the Americans seemed determined to assume leadership of whatever indigenous Palestinians could be mobilized by promises of American support for the fulfillment of the major aspirations of Palestinian nationalism.

Then Israel's chance came. Sadat proposed an Egyptian role in the administration of the Gaza Strip and in the preparation of autonomy in the area that had been under Egyptian occupation before the 1967 war.

Whatever the American official reaction, it is doubtful if the State Department viewed with favour Egyptian intrusion into an area marked out by the Americans for control by Jordan or by a Palestinian political entity owing its existence to American initiative and support. Most of all, this would mark an achievement for which President Sadat would have no reason to be grateful to the Carter Administration.

Moreover, by pre-empting a decision on the future orientation of the Gaza area, Sadat would seriously weaken the American position with regard to Jordan and the West Bank Palestinians. He would place a question mark after the prevalent assumption that the West Bank and Gaza will be under a unified regime, whatever that may be. An American commitment to expedite either the Jordanians or the Palestinians, would require Sadat's approval, for which he could exact a price.

If Israel's national interests — rather than the imperatives of post-Camp David domestic politics and the dead hand of ideological rhetoric — had determined the position of the Begin government, the Israeli reaction need not have been either so automatic or so negative. After all, the Egyptians were proposing essentially what Israel itself had proposed to the Jordanians in the period after the first disengagement agreement with Egypt.

Then it was called "administrative disengagement." The idea was that Israel would remain in military con-

trol of the West Bank, with a withdrawal of forces from Jericho and the Nablus area. At the same time, Jordan would assume administrative responsibility over the indigenous Arab population.

WITHOUT an Israeli pull-back from the Jordan, Hussein was unwilling to accept such a proposal. William B. Quandt, deputy to Harold Saunders in the Middle East office of the National Security Council from 1972 to 1974 and presently a top Middle Eastern adviser in the Carter Administration, tells the story in his book, "Decade of Decisions: American Policy toward the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1967-1976" (University of California Press, 1977). Hussein feared being accused of a sell-out to the Israelis. "Above all," Quandt states, "he could not accede to the Israeli position of administering the populated areas of the West Bank while Israel retained military control of the area."

Precisely what Hussein could not dare accept when proposed by Rabin, Begin could not dare accept when proposed by Sadat. The result was not only the loss of an opportunity to cultivate differences between Sadat and the Americans. More important, here was a chance to encourage the diversion of the development of the autonomy concept from the path leading to an independent Palestinian state.

Instead of the content of autonomy — the issue currently preoccupying public attention — the emphasis should be on its auspices. The important question today is not "what autonomy?" but "whose autonomy?" It is now abundantly clear that autonomy under Israeli auspices — that is, under the aegis of the Israeli military government, as proposed in the original Begin peace plan — is no longer a politically viable option. Its unsung demise was one of the major results of Camp David.

If, in place of the original Begin plan, autonomy should come under the aegis of the Palestinians, with American support, all signs point to the evolution of the autonomous Palestinian entity into an independent Palestinian state. Today the alternative is not between Israeli or

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Palestinian control of the autonomy process but between varieties of Arab control. The least acceptable, from the Israeli viewpoint, would be a surrogate-control by the PLO.

UNDER PRESENT conditions, the way to prevent this is to encourage the introduction of countervailing Arab forces. Presumably this was the logic of the original Rabin proposal to Jordan of "administrative disengagement." The same reasoning should have led us to welcome the Egyptian proposal for "administrative disengagement" in Gaza.

Autonomy under Egyptian auspices is the sponsorship least likely to lead in the direction of Palestinian independence, particularly if it precludes the political unification of the autonomous regions. Sadat must surely have written off the support of Palestinian nationalist forces when he first undertook his peace initiative.

Rebuffed by Israel, Sadat has fallen back to safer ground, while differing with the American position on Jordan's future role. But the support currently voiced by Egypt for

an autonomy that would be a transition to Palestinian independence reflects the political pressures of the Baghdad summit more than it expresses the self-interest of the regime.

Given a politically acceptable alternative — such as administrative disengagement in Gaza — there is every reason to believe that Sadat would continue on the path to an accommodation with Israel. This, he believes, is Egypt's national interest and on he has staked his political future.

Today the best that opponents of Palestinian independence can do for is some form of condemning this requires partnership with the Palestinian Arab states, and the more the merrier. Instead of rejecting the Sadat overture for administrative disengagement, on the other hand, we should have broadened by reviving Rabin's bid to Hussein. This is the direction of Israeli national interest, once liberated from the illusions of an ideology that has been superseded by history.

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READERS' LETTERS

AIR POLLUTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest your recent report that an instrument to monitor air pollution levels has been installed in Jerusalem. I suggest that the news media now take the next step by keeping track of the measurements and reporting them to the public.

I'm curious to know what the pollution levels were over Jerusalem during the spell of delightfully warm and sunny weather in December. From my terrace in Gilo, I saw what looked like a classical "inversion layer" settle over the city and grow increasingly darker and more distinct with each day of balmy weather. From 10 years of living in urban California, I have come to associate such a phenomenon with air pollution. Yet, I find old-time Jerusalemites denying that we could have smog here. I would like to believe they are right.

Publicizing air pollution levels would clarify the matter. It would also help to educate the public to the need for clean air. Air pollution levels in California communities which approached or exceeded the danger level were regularly reported both in the newspapers and over the air.

Public consciousness of air pollution in California has led to controls so that some places enjoy cleaner air now than they did several years ago. Jerusalemites cherish what appears to be the fine air quality of our city. Let us use the new monitoring device to help insure that this image in fact fits the reality.

DR. SUSAN DEBORAH
 Jerusalem.

Abraham Rabinovich comments: Monthly reports on air pollution in Jerusalem are to be published by the municipal environmental protection service probably beginning in March.

THE TARBUT GROUP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — At this time when we mark the anniversary of the Leningrad Trials and remember those heroic Jews serving long, arduous sentences in Soviet labour camps and prisons, let us also give a thought to another anniversary, that of the symposium on Jewish culture which should have taken place in Moscow at Hanukka 1978 but was crushed by the K.G.B.

Professors and lecturers from all over the world were invited to participate in this unprecedented event and of all those who applied for visas to attend, only Rabbi Nahum Rabinovitch of Jews College, London was issued one. On his return from Moscow, he described the courage displayed by the Tarbut group which, despite house searches, arrests and continuous harassment, maintained a deep and sincere commitment to Judaism, and he called them the true Hasmoeneans.

Netanya.

CROSSING FRONTIERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an Arab who frequently crosses the Jordan at the Damia Bridge, I was not surprised by the way Mr. Sharabi was treated at London's Heathrow Airport.

Had Mr. Sharabi had the experience of crossing once one of the Jordan bridges, he would realize that such treatment and probably worse is still meted out. Searches, undressing, humiliation, curses, etc., form part of a way of life in this part of the world.

My recommendation to every decent Israeli is to visit one of the bridges and see for himself how human beings are treated in modern times.

Nablus.

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